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Nature	1. Extent of wildlife rich habitat created or restored within MHNL, outside of protected sites	Natural England.	3.44ha *Data provided: 19/05/25* *Date stats relate to: Action that has been or is being initiated between 30th January 2023 to March 2025*		Definitions are as per the statutory target set in Environment Act 2021. See Schedule 1, Regulation 10 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2023/91/made
Nature	2. Percentage of SSSI features within Protected Landscapes in favourable condition	Natural England	51.4% No. favourable – 19 No. unfav recovering – 13 No. no change – 1 No. unfav declining – 1 Not recorded - 1 *Data provided: 03/03/25* *Date stats relate to: Feb 24*	Not available (not comparable with previously recorded data)	TIN216 Edition 1 Environment Act Interim Target for protected sites - TIN216 (naturalengland.org.uk) (Annex 3 defines what the different feature conditions mean)

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Nature	3. Percentage of SSSIs within MHNL assessed as having 'actions on track' to achieve favourable condition	Natural England	16.2% No. actions on track – 6 No. actions not on track – 31 Total features counted – 37 *Data provided: March 25* *Date stats relate to: Feb 24*	Not available (not comparable with previously recorded data)	[TIN216 Edition 1 Environment Act Interim Target for protected sites - TIN216 (naturalengland.org.uk)](naturalengland.org.uk) (Pages 16-17 explain what 'actions on track' means.)
Nature	4. Extent of priority habitat within MHNL, outside of protected sites, in favourable management through agri-environment schemes	Natural England Data to be provided by Defra Farming and Countryside Programme			Indicator designed to measure how much priority habitat outside SSSIs is being managed for nature via agri-environment schemes.
Nature	Total area of land managed under agri-environment schemes and total value of		3,700ha £242,700 (total CS and SFI payments in 2023) Data provided: Mar 25	2,100ha £294,100 (total claimed value CS and SFI 22) *31/10/24 data revised*	Change in how data being calculated?

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	agri-environment schemes			3,040ha (2018) 5,923ha (2013)	
Nature	5. Percentage of land managers adopting nature-friendly farming on a percentage of their land	Natural England Data to be provided by Defra Farming and Countryside Programme			'Nature friendly farming' (NFF) is defined as 'to farm in a way that is better for nature, but is also a productive and sustainable way of producing food' – i.e. the type of actions that are beneficial for nature but can also be incorporated into typical farming systems and farming business practices. NFF includes active measures that farmers can take to deliver more/better habitats or specific year-round resources, to support farmland wildlife. In this context, it means that farms will adopt actions that are roughly equivalent to options under Higher Level Stewardship or Mid/Higher Tier options in the existing Countryside Stewardship scheme that support farmland wildlife.

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					This will include specific measures to benefit farmland wildlife, by providing the year-round critical resources that are known to limit populations on farmland (e.g. provision of food supplies and places to nest, shelter and hibernate). This can include features that are ephemeral and rotational (e.g. flower rich field margins). Creation, restoration, and maintenance of field boundaries and 'interstitial' habitats within farmland (e.g. hedgerows, ditches, orchards).
Nature	Extent of priority habitat and other habitats and as a % of the NL	Natural England	2,773ha / 26% *Data provided: Jan 25* *Date stats relate to: July 24*	Appears declining but probably down to how stats calculated. 3,084ha / 29% (12/2023)	
Nature	Area of land designated at international, national and local level for	Natural England	1,199ha (11.02%) *Data provided: Mar 25* *Date stats relate to: Dec 24*	11.% (Jan 2024)	

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	nature conservation				
Nature	Area of woodland within Protected Landscapes under 'sustainable management'	Natural England	1,625ha (65.4%) *Data produced: April 25* *Date stats relate to: April 23-March 24*	1,338.1ha (53.8%) Managed private: 1203.4ha Managed public: 134.7 Unmanaged: 1147.2 *Data produced: Jan 24*	
Nature	Extent of ancient woodland	Natural England	1240 ha (11.6% of PL) 800 ha ASNW (7.5%) 440 ha PAWS (4.1%) *Data provided: Jan 25* *Date stats relate to: May-Sept 24*	11.6% (2023)	
Nature	Ecological status of watercourses and water	Natural England	High – 0m Good – 0m Moderate – 21,718m Poor – 837m		

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	bodies (length of water bodies)		Bad – 2,980m Total length 25,500m *Data provided: Jan 24*		
Nature	Area of land under different agricultural land uses and number of livestock				
Climate	6. Level of greenhouse gas emissions within Protected Landscapes (Carbon dioxide, Methane and Nitrous oxide)	Natural England	58.3kt CO2 5.8 tCO2 – per capita emissions Data published 3 July 2025	Historical data from 2005 indicates an improving trend.	UK local and regional greenhouse gas emissions estimates for 2005-2021: Technical Report (publishing.service.gov.uk)

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Climate	7. Extent of peat under restoration in MHNL	NE to collate and make available to PLs The dataset used for this indicator will be the Nature for Climate Peatland Grant Scheme	Not applicable to the Malvern Hills National Landscape (no peat here).	N/A	N/A
Climate	8. Extent of tree canopy and woodland cover in MHNL	Forest Research (Trees Outside Woodlands data) and Natural England Priority Habitats Inventory (orchards)	2486ha total area of woodland (2022) 23.3% of land that is woodland 857.45ha total area of trees outside wood of which: • 689.42ha - trees outside wood exc orchard • 168.03ha – orchard		The Environmental Targets (Woodland and Trees Outside Woodland) (England) Regulations 2023 – Regulation 2 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2023/90/regulation/2/made

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			8% of land covered by trees outside woods (2023) 31.4% total indicative tree cover of the total land area		
Climate	Estimate of the amount of carbon stored and sequestered by habitats	Natural England	3,576,798 (t) total carbon stored above and below ground -48,099 tonnes sequestration (carbon flux) *Data provided: Jul 24*		
People	9. Improve and promote accessibility to and engagement with Protected Landscapes for all using existing metrics in our Access for All programme	Malvern Hills NL Team No data compiled at present.			Metres of accessible path as a % of total path Number of accessible toilets and rest stops Number of disability accessible parking spaces Number of accessible gates and gaps Number of visits and volunteer days facilitated by new equipment Number of schools engaged (primary and secondary) both

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					inside and outside the PL boundary Number of volunteer days Number of accessible or easy access routes for which wayfinding has been created or improved Policies in place to ensure Protected Landscapes are taking positive action to widen the diversity of their staff, boards and volunteers
People	% Public Rights of Way in good condition	Malvern Hills NL Team	77.8% *Date stats relate to: 2023*	<mark style="background-color:#aedff0">77% (2018)</mark>	
People	Length of National Trails within Protected Landscapes		<mark style="background-color:#d9d9d9">0 ha</mark>		
People	Population estimate	Natural England	11,400 (2023)		
People	Average age		50	49 (2023)	

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			% of pop +65: 33.25 % of pop -18: 16% *Data provided: Dec 24* *Date stats relate to: Jun 22*		
People	Population by ethnic group	Natural England	93.6% white 0.7% white Irish 2.8% white other 1% Asian 0.9% Mixed ethnic group 0.6% Other ethnic group *Data provided: Dec 24* *Date stats relate to: Mar 21*		
People	Average (median) earnings	Natural England	For males: £40,500 For females: £34,400 *Data provided: Jan 25* *Date stats relate to: 2024*		

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People	House purchase affordability ratio (all dwellings)	Natural England	8.3 *Data provided: Feb 25* *Date stats relate to: Mar 22 – Mar 24*	8.8 22/23 9.6 21/22	
People	Registered businesses by size and type	Natural England	770 local units *Data provided: Dec 24*	585 (2022/23)	
People	Proportion of population living in deprivation (by decile)	Natural England	Average Index – 8 *Data provided: Dec 24* *Date stats relate to: Jan 2019*		
People	No.s of pupils on school roll (against capacity) Proportion of capacity reached		93% *Data provided: Dec 24* *Date stats relate to: 20/21 – 22/23*	87% (July 2024)	

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Place	10. Number and percentage of nationally designated heritage assets in MHNL be deemed at risk	Natural England	0 (0%)		To separately cover the categories of: • scheduled monuments • registered parks and gardens • registered battlefields • listed buildings (grade I or II*) protected wreck sites
Place	Condition of Scheduled Ancient Monuments	Malvern Hills NL Team	4 sites (50%) satisfactory with minor localised issues 4 sites (50%) satisfactory with major localised issues	Compared with 2018 data	Data based on knowledge of local Historic England staff
Place	Condition of registered Parks and Gardens	Malvern Hills NL Team	1 site (50%) stable and at low risk 1 site (50%) improving and at medium risk	Compared with 2018 data Improving (compared with 2018 data)	Data based on knowledge of local Historic England staff
Place	Condition of Local Geological Sites in desirable condition	Malvern Hills NL Team	75% *Date stats relate to: Feb 24*	83.3% (2018)	

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Place	The number of and percent of geological and geomorphological heritage features in SSSIs in favourable or recovering condition	Natural England	60% favourable No. in fav condition – 3 No. in unfav declining – 1 No. in unfav recovering – 1 *Data provided: Mar 25* *Date stats relate to: Feb 24*		
Place	Landscape change visible in fixed point photography locations	Malvern Hills NL Team	Change by Landscape Description Unit (out of 31 LDUs) Major positive – 1 (3.2%) Minor positive – 8 (25.8%) No change – 16 (51.6%) Minor negative – 4 (12.9%) Major negative – 2 (6.5%)	Change by Landscape Description Unit (out of 30 LDUs) Positive – 4 (13%) No change – 14 (47%) Negative – 12 (40%)	Based on analysis of fixed point photography images

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			Date stats relate to: Jan 24	*Date stats relate to: Feb/March 18*	
Place	Extent of tranquillity	Malvern Hills NL Team	See data		Based on traffic data from 5 monitoring points
Place	Number of nationally designated heritage assets	Natural England	No. LBs Gd I – 5 No. LBs Gd II* - 25 No. LBs Gd II – 317 Total no. LBs – 347 No. SAMs – 11 No. RP&G Gd II* - 1 No. RP&G Gd II – 1 Total no. RP&G - 2 *Data provided: Dec 24* *Date stats relate to: Dec 24*		

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Place	National Character Areas which contain Protected Landscape(s), where changes to landscape and waterscape character is assessed as improving/no change/declining				

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Place	Length of hedgerows and other traditional field boundaries (drystone walls)	Natural England	600kms (2024) *Data provided: Mar 25* *Date stats relate to: 2023 and 2024*	600kms (2023) *Data provided: May 24*	
Place	Area of main land cover types (ha)	Natural England	Arable & horti – 2488.8 Bare ground – 5.1 Bracken – 296.7 Broadleaved, mixed and yew – 2,784.3 Built up & garden – 717.9 Coniferous wood – 122.2 Dwarf shrub heath - 14.8 Fen, marsh & swamp – 27.5 Improved & semi-improved grass – 2,396.8 Scrub – 282.9 Unimproved grass – 1,488.1 Water – 38.7		

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			Data provided: Jan 25 *Date stats relate to: 2022-23*		
Place	Extent of agricultural businesses (number and size of holdings, number of agricultural workers)				For latest statistics, see Structure of the agricultural industry in England and the UK at June - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)